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PATENT APPLICATION

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OXIRANE DERIVATIVE AND PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. An oxirane derivative represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein R represents a  $\text{C}_{1-7}$  hydrocarbon group; and n represents the average number of moles of oxirane groups added, ranging from 20 to 900, wherein the following requirements are satisfied:

- (A) supposing that the straight line between the elution starting point and the elution end point on a chromatogram obtained by gel permeation chromatography is  $\text{P}_{\text{baseL}}$ , the total peak

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